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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of June 25, 1967 to Mr. Salant, requesting time under the Commission's "fairness doctrine" to correct alleged inaccuracies and unfairness in the broadcasts, A CBS NEWS INQUIRY: "The Warren Report."

Those broadcasts consisted of a four-part detailed examination of major questions raised by critics of the Warren Commission Report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, reviewing the Commission's findings about events before, during and after the assassination of the President and the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, and also criticisms of these findings.

In the course of its Inquiry, CBS News sifted the mass of evidence considered by the Commission and the critics, conducted its own experiments, and conducted separate interviews of certain witnesses, critics and Commission members. In reaching its own conclusions as to the persuasiveness of the Warren Report and of its critics, CBS News agreed with the Report's main findings and, at the same time, agreed that certain of the criticisms were not frivolous. For instance, CBS News concluded that the Warren Commission should have insisted on production of the autopsy x-rays and photographs.

Of course, in reaching its conclusion, CBS News may have differed with some of your criticisms. And you may not agree with the CBS News version of the relevant facts. However, our failure to agree with you or other critics -- and our saying so on the broadcasts -- does not constitute an attack and is not otherwise unfair within the Commission's fairness doctrine. We find no basis for any charge that the significant viewpoints on any controversial issues of substance were not given in the broadcasts, or that anyone was personally attacked. Accordingly we will not grant your request for time to respond.

Very truly yours,

Leon Brooks

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